

October 2015

# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Leo Aragon  
Wagonmaster

### Rally at The Vines, Paso Robles, CA

September 22 - 25, 2015

We had our final rally for the year 2015 in September 22 – 25, and what an enjoyable rally that was. Everyone arrived a day early, except for the Romans; they had arrived on Sunday. It seems that more and more most of us are coming in a day early. I know it's because we are anxious to have fun and see each other. On Monday evening we all had dinner at McLintocks Dining.

Tuesday morning some folks went across the freeway to the truck stop for breakfast. We experienced some hot temperatures throughout the week and that presented problems for some of the members who had minor to serious trouble with voltage drops coming out of the camp ground pedestals. Norm Teixeira ended up with a blown rear air conditioner in his motor home. Some lost power to appliances but luckily didn't lose total function. Our evening dinner started off our rally with lots of pizza from Rustic Fire Pizza with salad and homemade cookies made by Joan Edman and some rainbow sherbet. The entertainment consisted of couples competing to see who could transfer black olives from one bowl to another using a straw. What a laugh we all had. The winners were Ed Brennan and Yvonne Sims doing it in 23 seconds and second place went to Gary and Carrie Brown at 28 seconds. The other couples did it in 60 seconds to as long as 1 minute and 40 seconds.

Wednesday morning breakfast at 8:30 included two varieties of eggs with diced ham, onions, and cheese topped with homemade blueberry muffins made by Joan Edman, WOW. In the afternoon some went on a tour of the Walker Firestone Brewery. Everyone enjoyed tasting the different brews of beer. Dinner at 6 pm consisted of Mexican food catered by Paso Terra Restaurant which included chicken enchiladas, Caesar salad and rolls. Our dessert was Mexican cookies and more rainbow sherbet ice cream. We had a new feature added before dinner when a couple of ladies of "Sounds On Sounds" Duet entertained us by singing songs from our past. As they sang the crowd got involved with the singing and were just having a good time. We had to stop the singing so we could all eat our dinner. Once we got done with the eating those two ladies started singing again and that's when the fun began. Some of the group enjoyed singing and dancing. As the night went on the songs got better, more people were dancing the line dance, couples danced and sang. Our good voiced Gary Brown really got into singing as the ladies lured him front stage to give the songs a different tone. At one point everyone got up to dance to add to Ray and Jackie Ouellette anniversary celebration. That was the icing on the cake for this rally. A WHOLE LOT OF FUN and "Oh What A Night".

Thursday morning everyone enjoyed a breakfast of lots of sausage and pancakes. Leo and Ed were cooking sausages and Norm, Noe and Ed flipped pancakes. At 9:30 we had our board meeting followed by the membership meeting at 10:30. Dick Rody introduced our guests Frank and Kris Reid. We were served champagne to recognize Ray's and Jackie's anniversary. Ray made a toast to his lovely wife and we all raised our drinks. In the afternoon some folks went to tour the Paso Robles museum. Several got lost on the way but luckily everyone made it back to their motor homes. Leo got started prepping the fire to cook beef tri-tip loins. At 6 pm the meat was done cut and ready, the pinquito beans were ready, the salad was ready, the garlic bread was ready and everyone was ready to dig into an outstanding meal. Everyone had a wonderful meal followed by vanilla ice cream with cherries, chocolate syrup, whipping cream and nuts. Then we got started with another great evening of fun. This fun was presented by Ways and Means chairperson Evelyn Teixeira as an auction to sell wrapped bottles of any kind. The auctioneer was non-other than Gary Brown, WOW what talent he has to blab out

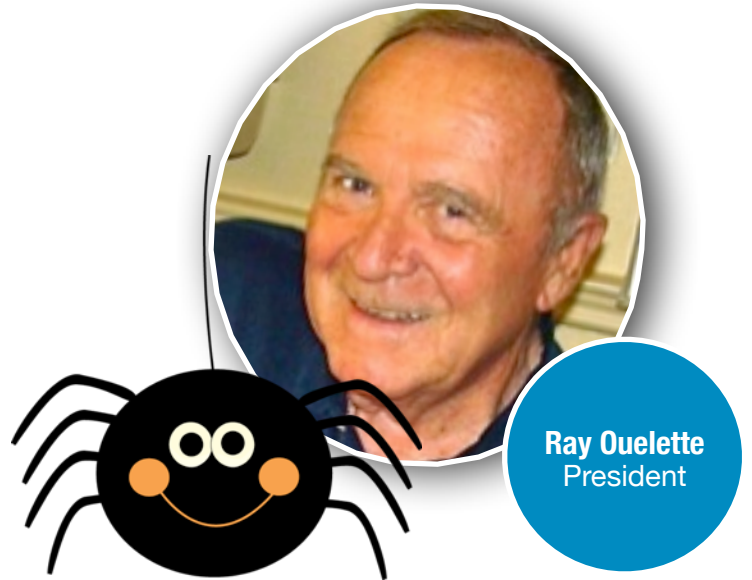
the words of an auctioneer. Everyone one took part bidding on each item. Some paid dearly for something nice and some were gag type bottles. All in all everyone had fun and the club raised over \$300. Another wonderful night of fun.

Friday everyone said their goodbyes, got in their coaches and headed home or elsewhere. A few stayed back to keep the Teixeiras company as they waited for the installation of a new air conditioning unit for their coach. This rally was surely one of the most enjoyable we have had. The trail bosses, the Edmans and the Aragons, thank everyone for attending and having fun.

Our next rally is in January 2016 in Emerald Desert, in Palm Springs. See you all there until then have a wonderful winter and a Merry Christmas.

Leo Aragon

## Presidents Report



Our Paso Robles Rally at Vines R.V. Resort was among the best ever. The resort was first class including chandelier lighting in the clubhouse. Leo's Wagon Master's report describes the wonderful time everyone had during this rally. Master Chef Leo prepared an amazing BBQ tri tip steak dinner. Everyone also raved over Joan's home baked blueberry muffins and cowboy cookies. (See attached recipe) The "Sounds on Sounds" entertainment was also outstanding, they played on throughout the evening and everyone danced the night away. Evelyn's covered bottle auction provided fun for everyone who went wild responding to Auctioneer Gary Brown.

Please be reminded that it's time again for our membership dues. It's not necessary to complete the membership form unless you moved or have a new e-mail address. Just simply mail your \$20. to Mary Johnson at the address listed on the form. Our Secretary Jackie is required to send in a new list of members to the FMCA prior to January 2016.

During the month of January 2016, there will be several rallies scheduled. See schedule attached to this newsletter. Please note the Quartzsite campground location and phone contact if you intend to visit the Quartzsite R.V. The Quartzsite gathering is not sponsored by our club. Please make your timely arrangements directly with Park Place R.V. Park, let them know you are with our club. They generally save a few sites for us whenever possible. We've had in the past, several rigs caravan immediately following our Emerald Desert Rally.

Our Wagon Master has scheduled our 2016 Rallies. A schedule is attached to this newsletter. Please note that trail bosses have volunteered for all rallies except for the Morro Bay Rally. I would like to again thank our Wagon Master, our Trail Bosses and all others who volunteer for board and committee positions to make our club the very finest.

Sincerely,

Ray-O





## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



**Joan Edman**  
Nat'l. Director

Ed and I attended FMCA's 92<sup>nd</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Madison, Wisconsin from July 29 through August 1, 2015. Highlights of the Governing Board Meeting were:

- Incumbents Charles Adcock-National President, Jon Walker-National Senior VP, and Percy Bell-National Treasurer all ran uncontested and were re-elected. Gaye Young won the race against John Ferrari 143 to 131 votes for the position of National Secretary
- California was recognized for having 24 of its 50 National Directors in attendance.
- New policies were adopted that require seven working days notice to FMCA when a chapter finds it necessary to appoint a Temporary Delegate to a Governing Board meeting. This person would be someone other than the National Director or Alternate National Director. The previous policy required three days' notice.
- FMCA nameplates, which are affixed to coaches, will now be available without a member number at the request of some with confidentiality concerns. They may be ordered (at the member's expense) through the Kiley Mold Company.
- In the first nine months of the FMCAssist Program there were 43 separate occurrences - higher than expected. However, the average claim of \$3,900 was lower than expected. Claims ranged from \$168 to \$21,000. FMCA is trying hard to keep the loss ratio in line so there will only be a modest premium increase. A strong reminder of the importance of notification to 7 Corners was stressed. When you have an emergency: (1) Call 911 (2) Call 7 Corners and (3) Call home. DO NOT send bills after the fact and expect reimbursement!
- Membership continues to decrease. An average of 1,000 new members are added monthly. However, we are losing 1,200 members per month. Luckily, FMCA's investments are doing great, and cover the FMCAssist costs without touching the principal.
- The Pomona convention had a final operating loss of \$66,016. Therefore, Pomona has been withdrawn from consideration for the winter 2017 Family Reunion. The alternate site of Chandler, AZ has been proposed, and negotiations are currently underway with the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino.

We had a wonderful time, met so many people and had some great laughs. Both of us attended several seminars, and joined an FMCA tour visiting the beautiful state capitol, Monona Terrace, and the University of Wisconsin. Our personal favorite was the Wisconsin Veterans' Museum---not to be missed if you are ever in the area. The people of Madison were so welcoming!

The next Western Area Rally is January 6-10, 2016 in Indio at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.

Joan Edman



# member news



Tammy and Ralph have a new grandson. Matthew James Norris. He was born on Sept 10th at 10:02 am. He weighed in at 8 lbs 14 oz and is 20 inches long. Mom, Dad and big sister Emily are overjoyed.

## COWBOY COOKIES (Joan Edman)

4 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
2 cups shortening (I use butter)  
2 cups brown sugar  
2 cups white granulated sugar  
4 cups rolled oats  
4 eggs  
2 cups nuts (I use walnuts)  
2 tsp. vanilla  
2 small packages of chocolate chips

Sift together dry ingredients. Blend together shortening and sugar, add eggs, and beat till fluffy. Add flour mixture and mix well. Add oats, chips, nuts and vanilla. Mix well and use an ice cream scoop to form them into balls. Since I like a big cookie, I put 4 rows of 3 cookies per large cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 min. I bake at 325 degrees in my convection oven and for the same amount of time.

This dough freezes VERY well. I put the balls of dough in a Ziploc bag. When you want to bake them, take out of freezer 15 minutes or so before.

I usually halve this recipe. It makes close to 3 dozen cookies depending on size of your balls...☺!!

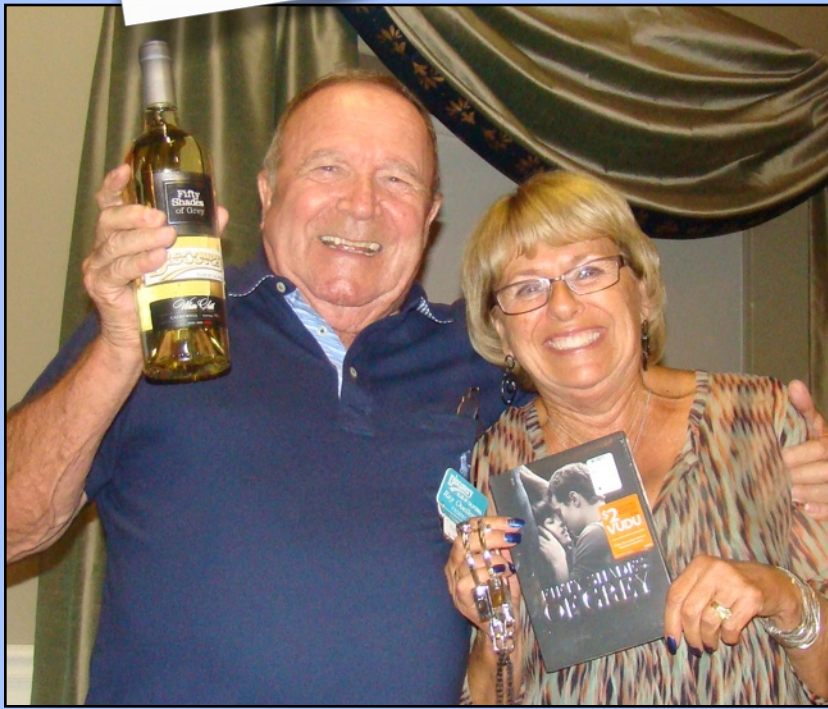


# The Vines

September 22 - 25, 2015  
Paso Robles, CA













**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

September 24, 2015  
Vines RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by President Ray Ouellette. Ray then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jackie Ouellette then gave the Invocation.

Ray introduced guests Frank and Chris Reed and welcomed back members Gary and Carry Brown. Ray also thanked Trail Bosses Leo and Marian Aragon and Ed and Joan Edman for the outstanding rally and for all their very hard work.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting were posted on the bulletin board and also on the Discovery Club web site for all to review. Mary Johnson made a motion and seconded by Noe Roman to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner announced the current balance prior to any transactions of this rally is \$6,816.56. The complete report is posted on the bulletin board for membership review. A motion was made by Mary Johnson to accept the treasurers report and seconded by Noe Roman. Motion passed.

National Director Joan Edman gave a very comprehensive report of her recent trip to the FMCA Rally in Madison, Wisconsin from July 29th thru Aug 1st, 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes, and will be posted on the Discovery web site. President Ray Ouellette opened a discussion regarding the expenses Joan spent at the FMCA rally and monies made to prior National Directors attending FMCA Rallies. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Larry Benson to give the National Director \$500.00 to cover expenses. Motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson said we currently have 24 rigs/memberships. Mary also announced the 2016 dues of \$20.00 per coach is due by December 31, 2015.

Hospitality Chairman Jackie Ouellette said a few members were able to attend the June 29th, 2015 Memorial Service for member Tom Thomas, and she passed around a copy of the Memorial brochure. Tom was an amazing man with so many accomplishments. Also discussed were the updated results of Leo and Marian Aragon's granddaughter's brain bleed and her current stay at Stanford University Hospital. She needs our prayers.

Member Bill Miller is still waiting on further doctor reports regarding his prostate cancer. He does know the cancer has not spread and will be treated with radiation.. Also Ray and Jackie's granddaughter Abby has passed her 5 year survivor mark for her brain cancer which is truly a blessing. Also Ray and Jackie's 4 month old great grandson Owen is doing well in spite of all the birth problems he has and is facing at least 4 surgeries. Our family has been shocked and saddened that our grandson Sean (baby Owen's father) passed away when little Owen was only 4 weeks old. Sean died peacefully in his sleep of an apparent long term heart condition that he did not know he had. On a much brighter note Jackie reported that Norm and Evelyn Teixeira just found out that they are expecting their very first great grandchild in March. And Ralph and Tammy Norris just had their second grandchild a boy named Matthew on Sept. 10th. Muriel Benson said her mom is still doing well and still living on her own at age 93! Amazing. Muriel checks on her mom daily. Member Curtis Jones is doing "okay" although really slowing down. His wife Lois is the amazing one, as she does such a wonderful job caring for all Curtis's needs. Jackie thanked all for keeping her informed of everyone's health, and she has sent out cards on behalf of the Discovery Club to many of the members.

Ways and Means Chairman Evelyn Teixeira mentioned the "Bottle" auction to be held after dinner tonight. Please bring your wrapped bottles for display when coming to "Happy Hour" tonight. The auctioneer will be member Gary Brown. \*\*\*(side note auction was so much fun and netted the club \$332.)

Librarian Marsha Swanson thanked all for their book donations and is happy to see so many books have made new homes with our members. She asked all to check out the library table.

Historian Chairman Muriel Benson said books with pictures and articles are almost up to date and she will bring books to the next rally in January 2016.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent. Please continue sending her articles. Susan sold her motor home to members Gary and Cary Brown.

Web Master Ray Ouellette said he keeps the Web site up to date with new information as it comes to him. Check out all articles, information and pictures often.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon again began with his usual joke that all enjoyed. He then announced the following upcoming rallies for 2016. Trail Bosses are still needed for several of the rallies and he asked for possible volunteers to come speak to him.

January 12-15, 2016 Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert. Trail Bosses the Roman's and the Rody's.

March 15-18, 2016 Moro Dunes RV Resort, Mori Bay. Trail Bosses needed.

May 17-20, 2016 Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield. Trail Bosses needed. (possible Swanson's)

Sept. 13-16, 2016 Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista. Trail Bosses needed.

Leo asked if anyone was interested in 2017 going to Lake Havasu for a rally. Many members are interested. Leo will check into availability.

Ray Ouellette said anyone planning on going on to Quartzsite after the Jan. 2016 rally and who may want a camping spot with hook ups that Park Place RV will hold approximately 9 spots for our members. If anyone is interested they must make their own reservation by calling: 928 927 6699 and say you are part of the Discovery Club.

Vice President Glenn Turner had nothing to report.

New Business: Joan Edman discussed extended warranties the pros and cons. She suggested members should talk to their regular insurance companies for coverages..

With no further business President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For 2015, we have 24 paid members. January starts a new membership year, and I have started to collect dues. We have 13 paid members for 2016 (these members paid their dues at the Paso Robles Rally). Our secretary must submit to FMCA a 2016 membership list before December 10, 2015. Please send me your dues (\$20.00 payable to Discovery Club of California) so Jackie has an accurate list for the FMCA.

We had several visitors at our rally and welcome their interest in our club. Keep inviting your friends to join us at a rally and maybe join our club. See you all in January at the Palm Desert Rally.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair  
([mary30500@gmail.com](mailto:mary30500@gmail.com)).

## NEWSLETTER REPORT

It's so great to edit the newsletter for this Discovery Club, because you all participate and have such fun at the rallies. I really enjoy receiving and putting together your pictures and information. Keep it up and be sure to send it to me to publish. Levi and I miss you and we'll try our best to join you in 2016.

Susan Salit, Editor [gsue@salit.us](mailto:gsue@salit.us)



## **2016 RALLIES**

### **FOUR RALLIES SCHEDULED;**

**NUMBER ONE: LOCATION: EMERALD DESERT RESORT  
7000 FRANK SINATRA DR  
(contract signed) PALM DESERT, CA 92211  
PHONE: 877-624-4140  
DATES: JANUARY 12 - 15 2016**

**TRAIL BOSSES: NOE & PAT ROMAN / DICK & LILLIAN RODY**

**NUMBER TWO: LOCATION: MORRO DUNES RV PARK  
1700 Embarcadero,  
(confirmed) Morro Bay, CA  
DATES: MARCH 15 - 18**

**(NO TRAIL BOSSES / NEED VOLUNTEERS)**

**NUMBER THREE: LOCATION: BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT  
5025 WIBLE RD  
(confirmed) BAKERSFIELD, CA  
DATES: MAY 17 - 20**

**TRAIL BOSSES: JOHN & MARSHA SWANSON / GARY & CARRIE BROWN**

**NUMBER FOUR: LOCATION: CHULA VISTA RV RESORT  
460 SANDPIPER WAY  
CHULA VISTA, CA 91910  
DATES: SEPT. 20 - 23**

**TRAIL BOSSES: RAY & JACKIE OUELETTE / GLENN & MARILYN TURNER**



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**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL FORM**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 'DISCOVERY CLUB OF CA' FMCA CHAPTER:**  
You must be a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association. FMCA membership and a Class A, B or C motorhome mandatory. Please remit before January 1st or at our January rally. Please fill in bellow information so we can update our records.

**Website: DISCOVERYCLUBONLINE.COM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Year & Make of Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose renewal amount of \$20.00**

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of CA and mail to:

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman  
30500 Caliente Place  
Canyon Lake, CA 92587  
(951) 768-7021



**If you have any questions, feel free to call**

**WELCOME!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU SOON!!!!**

DISCOVERY CLUB RALLY  
TUESDAY JAN 12 - FRIDAY JAN 15, 2016  
**EMERALD DESERT RV RESORT**  
76000 FRANK SINATRA DRIVE, PLAM DESERT, CA 92211; 877-6244140  
TRAIL BOSSES: Noe & Pat Roman; Rich & Lilian Rody

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: ALWAYS BRING PLATES & UTENSILS**

**TUESDAY:**  
3:00 PM---Rally Begins with Check-ins  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour --BYOB, ETC  
6:00 PM---Dinner will be Cook-Your-Own steaks,  
fish, etc; hosts provides potatoes,  
salads, greens, & dessert  
7:00 PM---Fun TBD

**WEDNESDAY:**  
8:30 AM---Breakfast: Eggs-In-A-Bag, & coffee  
Noon---???On Your Own or TBD  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour; BYOB, ETC  
6:00 PM---Dinner; Ladies to determine meal  
7:00 PM---Entertainment TBD

**THURSDAY:**  
8:30 AM---Breakfast: Pancakes & Eggs, Juices  
9:30 AM---Board Meeting  
10:00 AM---General Membership Meeting  
Noon---??? On Your Own  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour; BYOB; ETC  
6:00 PM---Dinner: Tacos & salsa, chips  
from Noe the Taco Man  
7:00 PM---Entertainment; DDD Award etc

**FRIDAY:** 8:00 AM---BYO coffee and say good-by

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 5TH 2015**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally fees: (for two per coach)..... \$100.00**  
**Resort site fees(\$55.00/night X 3)..... 165.00**  
**TOTAL:..... \$265.00**

**(Please send correct amount if you plan on extra days)**

**Make checks out to: Discovery Club of California & mail to: Marilyn Turner,  
620 Gary Pl, Newport Beach, CA 92663**